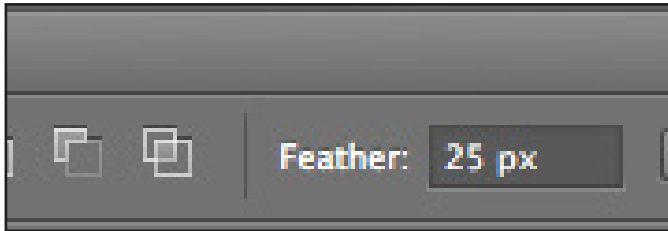
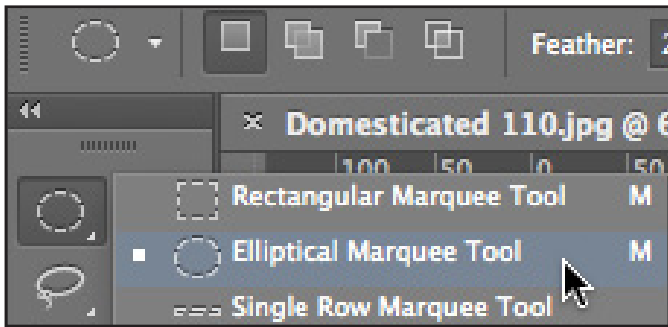
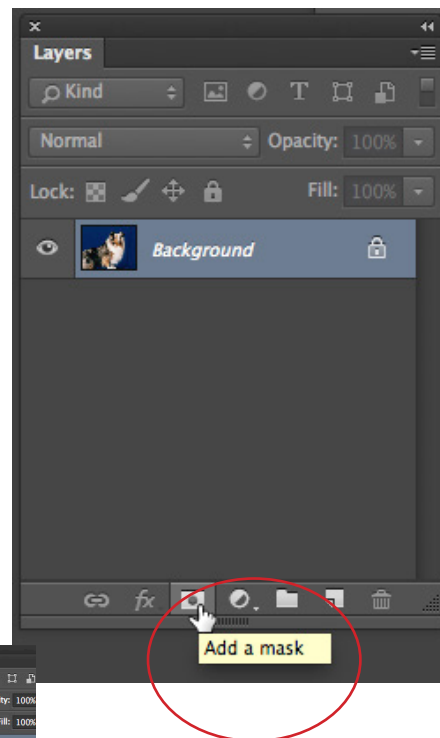


Creating Vignettes in Photoshop



5. Make the Image Mask. Select the Mask icon located at the bottom of the layers panel.

1. Open the first image in Photoshop.
2. In the Tools palette click the Marquee Tool. You have a choice of Rectangular, Elliptical, single row or single column. Do not use the single row or column - they only select a row or column of one pixel. In this example we used the Elliptical Marquee Tool
3. Before making the selection, adjust the Feather settings. The larger the feather number, the softer the selection.
4. To make the selection, click and drag the area with your mouse. If you don't like the selection you made you can move it with the arrow tools or re-draw the selection.



Creating a colored background

You may optimize this image as is, but this requires the use of the PNG-24 file format - one that is quite large. A trick often used by developers is to colorize the background of the images with the same color as the background of the web page.

1. Create a new layer by clicking on the New Layer icon located at the bottom of the Layers palette.
2. Drag the new layer to the bottom.
3. With the new layer selected, select all of the area. Do this by choosing Select>All or command_A.
4. Go to Edit>Fill to fill the selection.
5. Choose Color in the Contents drop-down menu.
6. Enter the hex-decimal number OR the RGB triplicate for the color that is background of the web page.
7. Optimize the image as jpeg.

